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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA

United States of America,
Plaintiff,

vs.

Mehrdad Arbabzadeh,
Defendant.

No. CR-23-00429-PHX-DWL (MTM)

INDICTMENT

VIO: 18 U.S.C. § 915
(False Impersonation of a Foreign
Diplomat, Consul, or Official)
Counts 1 and 2

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES:

COUNT 1

On or about October 15, 2021, at or near Phoenix, in the District of Arizona, the defendant, MEHRDAD ARBABZADEH, with the intent to defraud within the United States, falsely assumed and pretended to be a diplomatic, consular, or other official of a foreign government duly accredited as such to the United States and in so doing, attempted to obtain a thing of value, to wit: immunity from a criminal prosecution pending in the City of Phoenix Municipal Court in Phoenix, Arizona.

All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 915.

COUNT 2

On or about September 21, 2022, at or near Phoenix, in the District of Arizona, the

1 defendant, MEHRDAD ARBABZADEH, with the intent to defraud within the United
2 States, falsely assumed and pretended to be a diplomatic, consular, or other official of a
3 foreign government duly accredited as such to the United States and in so doing, attempted
4 to obtain a thing of value, to wit: immunity from a citation issued by an Arizona
5 Department of Public Safety Officer.

6 All in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 915.
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9 A TRUE BILL

10 /s/

11 FOREPERSON OF THE GRAND JURY
Date: March 21, 2023

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